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GOVERNOR DENEEN SPEAKS IN MASSAC COURT ROOM TODAY

Chief Executive of Illinois Opens Campaign For Renomination, Where he Fired First Gun of His Battle Four Years Ago.

POSITION ON PRIMARY LAW

Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 3. (Special.)—Between 400 and 500 people crowded the Massac county court room this morning to hear Governor Charles S. Deneen open his campaign for renomination. This town was the scene of his opening four years ago, and the governor is popular with the people here. He was greeted enthusiastically.

Governor Deneen's speech was a resume of his administration, and he reported in detail to his people his conduct of public affairs. His special pride was the management of state institutions, which he declared have been taken out of politics and placed on a civil service basis.

With reference to the present session of the legislature, he said, while he is sincerely in earnest about a popular primary, it was not the duty of the executive to specifically outline the work of the legislature. He desires a good general primary. He has recommended action along that line to the legislature, which he called in special session for the purpose of enacting a law, and if the legislature does not pass one, it is up to the people to place the blame where it belongs. He said he is sure the people of Illinois want a primary law, and if the legislature does not give them one, many of the members will never return to their seats.

He argued in favor of the Chicago drainage canal extension, and said the motor power privileges along its course from Chicago to the Mississippi will pay for its construction, leaving the great commercial benefits wholly free.

He said he had favored a charter for Chicago, but it was defeated and he believes it will be a long time before Chicago is granted a new charter. He mentioned Roosevelt as being a great president, but let national issues and the senatorial fight alone, confining himself to a defense of his own administration.

FISCAL COURT CONVENES IN REGULAR ORDER TODAY.

The fiscal court met in regular monthly session this afternoon and a large number of claims and bills were allowed besides the regular salaries of the county officers. The keeper of the county sanitarium was instructed not to receive any patients at the institution without an order from either the county judge or the county physicians.

VISCOUNT AOKI GOING TO REPORT TO MIKADO.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Japanese ambassador, Viscount Aoki, will leave shortly for Japan to make a personal report of his work to the mikado. The rumor that Aoki has been recalled is denied.

May Not Raise Burley.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 3. (Special.)—Tobacco growers in session here adopted a resolution requesting trust buyers to withdraw. Independents and board of control of the American Society of Equity endorse the position not to raise any burley in 1908.

WHAT KANSAS HAS DONE TO ADD TO PROSPERITY.

Topeka, Dec. 3.—Secretary of the Agricultural Board Coburn's bulletin estimates the corn yield in Kansas at 145,288,326 bushels. The total production of this year's crops of livestock is \$266,000,000.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

New faces will appear in the school board tonight. J. K. Bondurant succeeds President J. E. Potter, of the Second ward; Dr. C. G. Warner in the Fourth ward, succeeds C. G. Kelly, who in turn succeeds P. J. Beckenbach. J. C. Farley also takes his seat from the Sixth ward. Vice-President C. G. Kelly will call the meeting to order tonight, after which the board may elect a president until January 1, when the new boards will be organized.

Grain Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—Wheat, 98; corn, 83; oats, 49 1/2.

MRS. BRADLEY GOES ACQUIT ON CHARGE OF KILLING SEN. BROWN IN WASHINGTON HOTEL

Jury Took Two Votes and Brought in Verdict as Soon as Court Convened This Morning.

Washington, Dec. 3.—After being out all night, the jury in the case of Mrs. Anne Bradley, charged with the murder of Senator Brown, of Utah, brought in a verdict of acquittal. The jury went out at 4:25 o'clock last evening and came in this morning at 10:07 o'clock.

Two ballots were taken. The first one was 11 to 1 for acquittal and the last one was voted about midnight. The jury returned as soon as court was opened. Julius A. Prigg, a bookkeeper, the oldest member of the jury, voted against acquittal on the first ballot. Cheers greeted the verdict, women being enthusiastic. Mrs. Bradley left the court room in an automobile to go to the home of a friend. Mrs. Bradley had been Brown's mistress during the life of his first wife, and they had two children. Afterward, she claimed, he promised to marry her. He was engaged to the mother of Maude Adams.

COMPETING WITH ITSELF STRANGE WAY IN BUSINESS

New York, Dec. 3.—The strange story of a great monopoly competing within itself was told by Vice-President Percival M. Hill, of the American Tobacco company, at the federal investigation of the tobacco trust today. According to Mr. Hill, the American Tobacco company has never acquired a single independent tobacco concern in order to stifle competition. "Competition is the life of trade," he observed with fine naivete. "We bought all the outside concerns because we saw that we could run them at a greater profit."

Something like an increment of 20 per cent in profits has resulted from this move, according to Mr. Hill. The trust's alleged joy in unalloyed competition received a little setback later, however, when Chief Counsel Reynolds for the government brought Mr. Hill to admit that it cost the American Tobacco company \$90,853 to run the Queen City company so far out of business that it was glad to "come into line."

"But we drive just as hard bargains in our own concerns," went on the vice-president, in palliation. "We control 51 per cent of the stock of the United Cigar Stores company. Yet we give them only an allowance of 5 per cent and a cash discount."

He said the American gave allowances to independent jobbers just as they did to the United.

STATE TREASURER FAILS

Detroit, Mich., State Treasurer Charles P. Glazier, president of the Glazier Stove company, the Chelsea Savings bank and the Chelsea Grain and Produce company, all of Chelsea, Mich., failed today. His liabilities are \$1,000,000. Of \$3,334,000 in the state treasury, \$600,000 was on deposit in the Chelsea bank. The state banking examiners will determine if Glazier used any of the state's funds to carry on his staggering stove company and other concerns.

THE WEATHER.



CLOUDY.

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 50; lowest today, 31.

TRACTION LINE'S FRANCHISE GOES THROUGH COUNCIL

It is now up to Mayor Yeiser to say whether or not the Southern Railway company shall come into Paducah by way of Twenty-fifth and Harrison, Fourth, Madison and Second streets to Broadway. The lower board of the general council last night passed the franchise ordinance as amended and passed by the aldermen and it now only requires the mayor's signature to make it effective.

The next step after signing by the mayor and presidents of the general council boards, will be the sale of the franchise at public outcry.

On the company's part there are necessary as preliminaries the survey of the route, estimates of the cost of construction and the publication of a prospectus. This part of the work will be attended to at once, negotiations now being under way with an engineering company to make the survey. It is the purpose of the promoters to have the preliminaries completed by the time the weather opens in the spring, so that construction may proceed without hindrance.

"Conditions of the money market just now would delay efforts to float bonds, but such steps follow the preliminaries in their order, and it is hoped that by the time the promoters are ready to enlist foreign capital in the enterprise, conditions will have improved to such an extent that the money will be available."

If their hopes are realized early spring will see the dirt flying in the right of way of western Kentucky's first interurban traction line between Mayfield and Paducah.

MORRIS HENLEY

Morris Henley, the four-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Henley, of Little's addition, died last night of pneumonia. The body was taken to Hardin county this morning. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NEARLY ROASTED

While raking dead leaves and burning them in a pile in the front yard of her home at Brown's Grove, Graves county, Miss Ella Harrison, the 18-year-old daughter of Dr. Mack Harrison, stepped over the blaze and her skirts caught fire. Before help could reach her, her clothing was burned away, her extremities literally roasted and her breast, arms, face and hair were scorched by the flames.

MUTUAL LIFE CO. CARRIES POINT IN APPELATE COURT

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 3. (Special.)—The court of appeals, in reversing the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, vs. Prewett, holds the insurance commissioner cannot revoke the license on the company without giving statutory reasons. Prewett revoked the license because the company discharged Biscoe Hindman as general agent. The opinion of Judge Hobson, decided that Insurance Commissioner Prewett had no right to revoke the company's license to do business in the state, for the dismissal of Biscoe Hindman as manager, and efforts of the management to elect an "administration" ticket for trustees.

MILL MAN CAUGHT AND CRUSHED BY A FALLING TREE

Isaac Johnson, of Sharp, Sustains Broken Leg, Broken Ribs and Internal Injuries in Accident This Morning Near Sharp.

IS WELL KNOWN IN PADUCAH

Isaac Johnson, a prominent mill man of Sharp, Marshall county, was probably fatally injured this morning by a tree, which was being cut by hands in his employ, falling on him, breaking his leg and several ribs, and it is feared internally injuring him.

Mr. Johnson was in the river bottom near his mill superintending the cutting of timber, when the accident occurred. A large tree, which was being cut down, swerved in its course and Mr. Johnson was struck by the limbs.

He was picked up unconscious and taken to his mill near Sharp, where he soon revived and Dr. B. B. Griffith, of Paducah, was summoned to attend him.

Mr. Johnson is one of the most prominent timber and mill men in West Kentucky and is well known by Paducah bankers and business men, having resided near Paducah all his life.

GIRL ASSAULTED

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Ella Blanks, 9-year-old girl, was assaulted in a barn while on her way home near Cerulean Springs, Trigg county. Her assailant was a white man. Two men are under arrest, one answering a description of the fiend.

BRIDGES WIN CASE

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The court of appeals today affirmed the judgment of the McCracken circuit court in the case of Thomas Bridges vs. the Evansville Pressed Brick company.

STATE'S WITNESS DISAPPEARED AT START OF TRIAL

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 3. (Special.)—Frank Cecil, of Bell county, star witness for the state against Caleb Powers, has disappeared and is now in Illinois. The prosecution claims he was persuaded to leave. A writ was issued for him.

Robert Noaks, on the stand this morning testified that he took a body of desperate men from mountain towns to Frankfort under directions of Powers and Finley, while the state election board was in session in 1899. Later he took them back because Governor Bradley objected. When Powers asked him to organize a company, Powers said: "The content will not amount to a damn with Goebel dead." Noaks also said Powers asked him while in Frankfort if he had two men, willing to shoot anybody they were told. He said several times during his stay in Frankfort, Powers and Finley and John L. Powers told him to try to start a riot and then kill off the Democrats. On cross-examination Noaks could not remember dates and other details.

The Powers jury will be taken to the scene of the murder tomorrow. James Howard was brought here today from the penitentiary as a witness.

MRS. REGINA BERGER

Mrs. Regina Petter Berger, 69 years and five months old, died this morning at 3:45 o'clock at her home, 918 South Fourth street. She was a native of Germany and came to this country in 1858. She was married in this city in 1865 to P. H. Berger. She leaves the following children: George, Will and Fred Berger, and Mesdames Fred Schmidt, T. O. Argus, I. B. Coombs, I. G. Berry and Lena Winfrey. Her brothers are Leopold Petter, Leborous Petter, Lawrence Petter and P. G. Petter, of Bellingham, Wash. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence, the Rev. L. G. Graham officiating.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SENT TO CONGRESS AT NOON TODAY --TEXT PUBLISHED IN FULL

NO HURRY ABOUT FINANCIAL LEGISLATION IN SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 3.—There will be no currency legislation before the holidays. This became apparent in connection with today's meeting of the senate finance committee. The members consider that no emergency exists for hasty remedial legislation. It was stated that no effort will be made to frame a bill until after January 1.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—While the reserved galleries were not so crowded today when the house met as yesterday, the public galleries were filled with persons anxious to hear the reading of the president's message.

The full senate today heard the minutes of yesterday's session read. Senator Fleet Johnson, of Alabama, was sworn in, being escorted by Senator Culberson. The president's messenger announced and the reading of the message began.

CRIMINAL COURT PETIT JURY DOWN BEGINS ITS WORK

The first session of the criminal term of circuit court held today resulted in three big sentences to the penitentiary; Anderson Trice, colored, accused of robbing Sam Fondeau of \$18.97, ten years; Ed King and Robert Buckner, who pleaded guilty to a charge of housebreaking, one year each.

The indictments against Edwin Wood, for housebreaking were filed away, with leave to renește.

Shellie Williams was given 60 days in the county jail for petit larceny.

Floyd Harris, alias "Bad Eye," was sentenced to one month in jail for striking Ida Harris with a smoothing iron.

Doek Eddings, under indictment for malicious cutting, did not answer when called and his bond was forfeited.

The case of Ed Vincent, charged with larceny is on trial this afternoon.

The indictments against Edgar Holland and John Nicholson, two boys, charged with housebreaking, were filed away during the good behavior of the boys.

Prince Bourland, colored, was fined \$25 for gaming.

The Petit Jury.

The petit jurors are: G. W. Webb, G. C. Powers, G. J. Fortson, G. C. Husbands, S. A. Kaufman, I. D. Wilcox, Clyde Woods, E. K. Bonds, Geo. A. Bondurant, T. J. Council, J. W. Hubbard, J. M. Ragsdale, J. H. Snyder, H. D. Hays, J. S. Jackson, J. F. Holly, J. F. Roark, H. S. McClure, B. G. Gilbert, I. M. Anderson, J. M. Martin, B. S. Overstreet, M. N. Trice, G. J. Krimple.

TAFT IS TREATED LIKE ROYAL GUEST AT ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—Taft today is the guest of the czar. He will not be received in audience until tomorrow, but orders have been given to treat him like a royal visitor. Many high dignitaries greeted Taft on his arrival here. Great precautions are taken to protect him.

Taft today called at the ministry of war and met the officials at the American embassy. Tonight he will be the guest of honor at a banquet of the local press, which greeted him enthusiastically. However, the newspapers fear the visit is of a political nature. They warn the government to have nothing to do with the anti-Japanese combination. Taft will leave tomorrow night for Hamburg to embark for New York.

BAD MAN KILLED

Hodgensville, Ky., Dec. 3. (Special.)—In self-defense, it is believed, Thomas J. Haas, a reputable merchant of Hibernia, shot and killed Joe Daniel Nelson, who invaded his home late yesterday afternoon. The coroner is holding an inquest, and Deputy Sheriff J. M. Howell arrested Haas. Nelson was known as a dangerous man, and served a term in the penitentiary for manslaughter. Haas has never been in trouble before.

INCENDIARY FIRE DESTROYS \$15,000 B'WAY PROPERTY

Rehkopf Buggy Warehouse at 1036 Broadway, Burns Down, and Theo Peters, Place is Damaged Severely—Partial Insurance.

BOARDING HOUSE SCORCHED

Incendiary fire, which started this morning at 1:20 o'clock, destroyed the warehouse of the E. Rehkopf Buggy company building, 1036 Broadway, and damaged the old Max well hotel, occupied by Theobald Peters as a hotel and restaurant, entailing a loss of about \$15,000, about two-thirds covered by insurance.

The fire, which had its origin in the warehouse building, was discovered by Patrolmen Barber and Prince, who turned in an alarm by telephone to central station. When the officers first discovered the fire the entire warehouse building seemed to be ablaze and it was too late to save anything whatever in the warehouse.

The Maxwell hotel, owned and occupied by Theo. Peters, stands just west of the warehouse, and in a few minutes after the fire was discovered the hotel caught fire. Mr. Peters was in the pool room, where several railroad men were playing pool, and he said that before he knew anything of the fire in the warehouse his place was on fire.

Mrs. Peters, who was asleep upstairs with her three children, had two narrow escapes. She went down the steps the first time, while the curtains and draperies on the stairways were burning and falling all around her. After she reached the street Mrs. Peters thought of some valuable papers upstairs and rushed back to get them. When she started to come back she was cut off from the stairway. Fireman John McFadden placed a ladder in position under a window and she came safely down the ladder. Mr. Peters carried \$2,500 insurance on the house, which is almost a total loss. He also carried small insurance on the furniture and fixtures.

A shoe shop owned by R. M. Dennis was a total loss.

It Was Incendiary.

Mr. John G. Rehkopf, when seen this morning, was at a loss to understand how the fire originated unless it was the work of an incendiary. "I cannot tell how much my loss will amount to," said Mr. Rehkopf. "There were 150 vehicles and quite a lot of other goods. I have discovered this morning that there were a lot of saddles in the warehouse that I did not know were there. Our loss will be about \$12,000 with \$6,500 insurance."

The warehouse building was owned by the Gilbert estate at Murray, and was insured.

Firemen Do Good Work.

The firemen from Nos. 3 and 4 and Central station, who answered the alarm, say it was one of the hottest fires they ever encountered, and hard work was required to stop the progress of the blaze on account of the many wooden structures that were near. Chief Wood was at the fire, answering the first alarm, and personally directed his men.

The boarding house of W. N. Hinds, 1032 Broadway, was damaged by the heat and caught fire in a number of places. A continuous stream of water from the hose was required to keep the place from burning.

Several negro houses in the rear were scorched. This morning at 6 o'clock the Peters house was found to be burning again and the Nos. 3 and 4 companies were called again, staying at the place some time before putting out the fire, which was smoldering in several places.

A fire, which started in the warehouse building ten days ago, at about the same hour in the morning, was believed to have been incendiary, but was discovered in time to prevent any damage.

BERESFORD CANCELS

Harry Beresford's engagement, it is stated this evening by the management of The Kentucky, is cancelled on account of illness.

THE STANDARD OIL CASE GOES OVER TO JANUARY.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 3.—The hearing in the government's suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, was continued today until January 6. It was agreed that testimony taken by the interstate commerce commission in the Waters-Pierce Oil company suits shall go in to record.

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CITY TREASURER CONTEST CASE BE FILED AT ONCE

Preparations for a hot legal contest are being made by City Treasurer J. J. Dorian and Capt. William Kraus, the defeated Democratic candidate, who insists that, although the majority was against him, Mr. Dorian is disqualified, and therefore, he is entitled to the office. Attorney Oscar Kahn and Wheeler, Hughes & Berry are attorneys for Captain Kraus, and they are considering the best way to proceed in the matter.

Attorney T. L. Orice is representing Mr. Dorian. The latter does not admit that he is disqualified and declares he is confident that the constitutional provision will not bar his second successive term as treasurer.

It is probable that some legal proceedings will be undertaken this week. Attorney Kahn says that the statute, limiting the time within which an election contest may be instituted, does not apply in a case of this kind, in which he insists that the incumbent is utterly disqualified for a period of four years.

BRING 25 BODIES TO SURFACE FROM GAS FILLED MINE

Belle Vernon, Dec. 3.—Twenty-five corpses have been taken from the Naomi coal mine. It is believed nearly 50 more are buried in the mine.

Superintendent O'Neill now says the death list will not exceed 31. At 11 o'clock preparations were made to bring the 25 bodies already recovered to the surface. It is stated the bodies were hardly disfigured with three exceptions.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Brookshire, of the county, a son.